

BOUGHT PISTOLS AFTER WARNING FROM TORRENCE

Fairlamb Swears He and
Conway Expected Se-
rious Trouble.

DENIES PROMISE TO MARRY WIDOW

Witness Likewise Declares on
Stand That He Did Not Pur-
chase Cloak and Shoes for
Mrs. Torrence Since Mur-
der—State's Evidence
All In.

WITH the completion of the evi-
dence for the prosecution in
the trial of James R. Conway
for the murder of Robert E. Torrence
on the evening of October 16, the de-
fense put Hugh Fairlamb on the stand
yesterday afternoon as its first wit-
ness. He was subjected to a most
searching and rigid cross-examination
by Attorney Fulton, of the prosecu-
tion. Though it did not sway him
much, as it was the first direct
examination, it did him a confessor of
intrigues, and forced him to admit that
four times since the killing of Torrence
he had met the dead man's wife, yet
brought a denial of the charge that
he had purchased her a cloak and
a pair of shoes, and had promised to
marry her when the case had ended.

His answers were firm and clear,
and the ordeal seemed to affect him
little. His testimony and that of the
six other witnesses for the defense
tended rather to favor the prisoner.
Inasmuch as it went to prove that
Conway had never been intimate with
Mrs. Torrence, and that, after the pre-
liminary warnings of Gentry and Tor-
rence on the Tuesday preceding the
murder, he lived in daily fear of his
life.

Armed After Warning.

In reply to Mr. Fulton, Fairlamb
admitted that even after the warning
from Torrence that he would kill him
if he met Mrs. Torrence again, he and
Conway, after arming themselves with
pistols, went over to Petersburg and
saw the two women on the street.
He said that he and Conway remained
there until Wednesday night because
they were afraid to come back and
possibly confront the outraged hus-
bands.

"We went over to warn them," he
added as his excuse. "I seemed glad
to leave the chair, and immediately
went out to summon several missing
witnesses for the defense."

The feature of the day was the tes-
timony of Fairlamb and the testimony
of the Gentry and Torrence women.
The latter appeared as for the pro-
secution in the morning. At the request
of Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes,
the courtroom was cleared for the recital
that could not be published. Both the
women and Fairlamb acknowledged all
the intrigues which it is alleged
were planned by Conway, and both
sides admitted that the two women
made the first advances, Fairlamb de-
claring that he did not know who Mrs.
Torrence was until he met her near
First and Jackson Streets.

May End on Monday.

"All the evidence for the Common-
wealth is in, and it is expected that
the taking of evidence for the defense
will be completed this evening, though
it may take longer than the usual
hour for adjournment—6 o'clock. In
that event, the case will set to the
jury some time on Monday, and it is
possible that a verdict may be ren-
dered Monday afternoon. At 6 o'clock
court was adjourned to 10 o'clock this
morning."

Preston Southard, a bricklayer, was
the first witness in the morning. He
told of seeing Conway and Torrence
in conversation just before the shoot-
ing. He remained in the saloon after
Torrence had left, and saw Conway
stroll out after him, and observed
nothing indicating a quarrel between
the two men. Policeman Duffy, who
was on duty at the time, and for the
first time he told of John Becker, a
machinist, going up to Conway after
the shooting and asking him to slip
the pistol to him (Becker). Conway
peremptorily refused, and the revolver
was taken possession of by the officer.

Andrew Gentry's Story.

Andrew Gentry related again his
story of his search for his wife from
the Monday preceding the shooting to
the following Wednesday night, when
he found her in her father's home. He
told of his talk with Fairlamb, in
which the latter took "paralyzed oaths"
that he did not know Mrs. Torrence,
and then of Torrence coming up and
repeating the accusation that Fairlamb
knew where she and Mrs. Torrence
could be found.

"Torrence said," continued the wit-
ness, "I've come up to you like a man.
I haven't seen my wife; I want to find
her, and you can tell me where she is.
She has squandered my money for the
past seven or eight years, and left me
about \$200 in debt." Fairlamb
admitted, after all his oaths, that
he knew Mrs. Torrence, but did not
then know where she was.

"I've got two small children at
home," said Torrence, "and after I find
her you or any other man can
have her. But if I find that you have
lied to me," shaking several car-
tridges in Fairlamb's face, "I'll burn
you up on the top of the earth." Mrs.
Torrence's eyes filled with tears as he
told of Torrence's reference to his
spendthrift wife and his two small
children, and his voice broke. He said
that his wife admitted to him twenty
minutes before the inquest what had
transpired. He was not cross-ex-
amined.

Courtroom Cleared.

As Mrs. Gentry the next witness
was called, Commonwealth's Attorney
Folkes asked that the courtroom be
cleared, and Judge Witt exclaimed:

WIRED SERVANTS TO SPY ON LIFE

Brokaw Ordered Chauff-
eur to Keep Him
Fully Advised.

NOW DESIRES TO SETTLE TROUBLE

Overtures for Reconciliation Made
Through His Counsel—Her
Father Not Willing—Further
Evidences of Ill-
Treatment Offered on
Stand by Mrs. Brokaw.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Circum-
stantial revelations of ill-treat-
ment which Mrs. Brokaw charged
her millionaire husband, W. Gould
Brokaw, were continued to-day when
the trial of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's
suit for a separation and \$6,000 a
yearly allowance resumed.

Before Mrs. Brokaw was called to
the witness chair to-day the big bun-
dle of telegrams from Mr. Brokaw to
Mrs. Brokaw, which has figured in the
case, was read out to again, and sev-
eral were admitted as evidence.

One of these messages was intro-
duced to show that Mr. Brokaw put
restraint on her movements while she
was out automobile riding. It was ad-
dressed to the manager of the Great
Neck residence of the couple and read:
"Take Mrs. Brokaw for drives in the
Mercedes, and do not stop anywhere."
Mrs. Brokaw said that on one oc-
casion she was out for a drive in the
car and was surprised to find when
she wished to alight that the chauffeur
had orders not to stop.

Mrs. Brokaw told of the visit to the
home of an automobile party of three
men and women, the party being
unexpectedly added to later by the
arrival of another woman and man.
The next day, she said, the estate
manager received a telegram from Mr.
Brokaw, which read:
"Why do you not tell me there was
a fourth gentleman in the party. I
want to start in right away and dis-
mantle all the rooms of my house, ex-
cept Mrs. Brokaw's and the maid's
room."

Mrs. Brokaw said she also received
a telegram from her husband asking
for the names of all the men who
lunched with her that day.

Wires to His Manager.
The manager, she said, received one
which read:
"Come to-night a description of
all the men who stopped at my house
on Sunday. Was Mr. — at my house
last Saturday? He is a large, stout
man with a blonde mustache. He is
sometimes referred to as 'Colonel' or
'Commodore.' Was Mr. — there, too?
He is a medium-sized man, clean-
shaven."

Mrs. Brokaw appeared fatigued from
her long direct examination, but met
the questions of her husband's counsel
in cross-examination with quick an-
swers and a show of spirit. In answer
to questions, Mrs. Brokaw said that
five ministers had refused to marry
her and Mr. Brokaw, because the latter
had been divorced.

"Did the members of your family
give you any wedding presents when
you were married?" asked the lawyer.
"Not at the time of the wedding, but
they did later on," she said.

Continuing, counsel suddenly asked
the witness if she ever smoked cigar-
ettes.

"Yes, upon one occasion I did," re-
plied Mrs. Brokaw. "I was with Mr.
Brokaw's sister at the time."

Mrs. Brokaw said her husband ob-
jected and she did not do it again.

Other telegrams were read, indicat-
ing that Mrs. Brokaw had ordered her
servants to place to keep his wife
under surveillance.

Wants to Make Up.

Overtures for a reconciliation with
his wife were tentatively made by Mr.
Brokaw through his counsel to-day.

When asked this morning before the
hearing began what he would say to
a proposal of reconciliation if it could
come from her husband, Mrs. Brokaw
referred the question to her counsel.
He declared that Brokaw's love for
his wife had possessed him again so
strongly that he had made overtures in
regard to making things up. John H.
McIntyre, Brokaw's counsel, also ad-
mitted that his client was in a concili-
atory mood.

"I know that Mr. Brokaw loves his
wife dearly and is willing to discon-
tinue the suit, in spite of all the
charges which have been made against
him, and which he has said he will
never return to him. He be-
lieves his wife has been wronged and
advised, and is by no means in fear of
losing the suit," said Mr. McIntyre.

Impossible, Says Her Father.
"Oh, such a thing is beyond the
range of possibility," exclaimed James
Blair, Mrs. Brokaw's father. "They
never could live together again. Mr.
Brokaw is a splendid fellow when he
is himself, but unfortunately was, I
won't talk on this subject for publica-
tion."

The matter of the espionage which
the millionaire set over his young
wife, and how it became so strict to-
ward the end of 1908, remained to be
described, and, especially how
Mrs. Brokaw was "spied upon" in her
trips from Great Neck to New York.

WANTS TO LIMIT POWERS OF LORDS

Basis of Government's
Appeal to Country
Stated by Asquith

PRIME MINISTER MAKES SPEECH

Pledges That Liberal Party Will
Grant Self-Government to Ire-
land—No Question, How-
ever, of Separation—Wom-
en Not Admitted to
Great Mass-Meeting.

LONDON, December 10.—At a mon-
strous meeting to-night, Albert
Herbert, Earl of Asquith, the
British Prime Minister, laid down the
policy on which the Liberal govern-
ment is appealing to the country. He
repeated what had been said by other
ministers—that if it were returned to
power the government would demand
the limitation of the power of the
House of Lords—and then went a step
further, and pledged that the Liberal
party would grant self-government to
Ireland.

The meeting was marked by the
great enthusiasm of the masses which
filled the vast hall, and which was
composed entirely of men, women hav-
ing been denied admission in the fear
that there might be counter-demon-
strations by suffragettes. Every cor-
ner of the hall had been searched dur-
ing the day for women, and a small
band of them were routed out, but
they managed to get two male sup-
porters into the meeting who inter-
rupted Mr. Asquith momentarily with
cries of "votes for women." Then
they were promptly ejected.

Mr. Asquith pointed out that just
four years ago Sir Henry Campbell-
Bannerman, then Prime Minister, had
outlined in the House of Commons
a new Liberal government, which in-
cluded many reforms. The representa-
tive of the Liberal party in the House
of Commons had labored faithfully to
carry into law the measures promised,
but their will had been nullified, and
as a result the Liberal party had been
driven from power.

Mr. Asquith said he was not a
man of words, but he was a man of
deeds. He had labored faithfully to
carry into law the measures promised,
but their will had been nullified, and
as a result the Liberal party had been
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WILL BE ARRAIGNED FOR TRIAL TO-DAY

Charges Against Miss
Virginia Wardlaw to
Be Investigated.

MANY WITNESSES ARE SUMMONED

If Woman Is Released for Lack
of Evidence, She Will Be Im-
mediately Rearrested and
Held for Grand Jury.
Attorney Makes State-
ment.

NEW YORK, December 10.—Miss
Virginia Wardlaw, the central
figure in the mystery surround-
ing the death in a bathtub of her
niece, Mrs. Cecy W. M. Sneed, in East
Orange last week will be arraigned
for a preliminary examination before
Recorder Mott in East Orange at 9
o'clock to-morrow morning.

According to the prosecutor's office,
Miss Wardlaw was discharged for lack
of evidence, she will be rearrested im-
mediately by the prosecutor's detec-
tives and held for the grand jury,
which sits next week in Newark.

An attack of the prosecutor's office
said:

"The prosecutor does not intend that
this woman shall escape. We have
more than enough evidence to hold her
for murder in the first degree in the
event that Recorder Mott discharged
her. We feel sure now that child
form was not used in ending the girl's
life, although we have no positive evi-
dence as yet one way or the other."

That the prosecutor has at least a
dozen witnesses he can use if neces-
sary was learned. William J. Kitley,
the writing expert, will be present at
the hearing. Dr. William Hicks, the
chemist, who will analyze the internal
organs of the dead woman, reported
to-day that he could not complete
his examination within thirty days.

Franklin W. Edwards, attorney for
Wardlaw, placed the greater part of the
day in the jail with his client. He said
to-night that he had no statement to
make, but that he was gradually se-
curing a history of the family, which
at first Miss Wardlaw refused to give
ever.

"I intend to take the position," said
the lawyer, "that until this suicide
note is proved to be a forgery, the au-
thorities have not the slightest right
to hold my client."

Mr. Fort said that a man whose
name is Wardlaw, but who says he is
no relative to Miss Wardlaw who is in
jail, came to him to-day and offered
any aid he might need.

It was learned to-day that despite
the fact that influence and money were
brought to bear to have her released,
Wardlaw placed in a private sanato-
rium in this city a few days ago, not a
single piece of this sort would take
her in, because of the notoriety con-
nected with her.

It was learned that a man of wealth
had been asked to have old Mrs. Ward-
law cared for, and offered as high as
\$10 a day for her care, but in every
instance she was refused. Mrs. Sneed,
accompanied by Mr. Fort, was unable to
secure lodgings of any sort. After a
search of several houses, Mrs. Sneed
decided to remain at her present
Twenty-third Street abode.

Prosecutor Mott expected to make out
the case against Miss Wardlaw at the
preliminary hearing.

The Sneed case has developed into
one of the most puzzling police mys-
teries recorded. Mrs. Sneed, a young
mother of twenty-four, was found
drowned in twelve inches of water in a
bathtub in the North side of the city.
A note pinned to her clothing ran
in part:

"When you read this I shall have
committed suicide."

An investigation soon showed that
death had been unreported at least
two days before the body was found.
The only other occupant had inhabited
it during the time her niece lay cold
in the water. The husband, Mrs. Sneed,
was a well-to-do woman, and her
policies aggregating \$30,000 on Cecy
Sneed's life, and all drawn in favor
of Virginia Wardlaw, lay jumbled in
a mass of other papers.

Mr. Sneed, who had come to
East Orange for her niece's health, but
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the Fletcher-Sneed family. The mother
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REVOLTING CRIME IN HEART OF CITY

Two Women Brutally Murdered and Another
Dying—Reward of \$1,000 Offered by Mayor
for Capture of Assailant—Negro Quar-
ters of City Searched and 150 Arrests
Made—General Alarm Spread.

SAVANNAH, GA., December 10.—

Then the murderer stealthily ap-
proached aged Mrs. Gribble and killed
her. It is believed that Mrs. Ohlander
was attacked as she left her room to
broodway, where she was assaulted and
killed. Mrs. Hunter's skull was crushed
in, and her death is a matter of
but a few hours.

Other theories are entertained by
searchers for the murderer, but the
police are proceeding on the theory
that a negro man is guilty. Many
entertain this theory, and feeling is
intense here because of it. The mot-
ley horde of negroes who are in the
heart of the city, and as the murders
were committed in the heart of the
city, it is believed that if the negro
suspect of the crime is caught he
can be quickly identified.

Bloodhounds have been at work in
an effort to take the trail from the
wooded area where the ax was found
by the murderer, but as the house of
murders is almost within the heart
of the city, and as the murders were
committed in the heart of the city,
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To-night, Mayor Tiedeman, of Sav-
annah, where the city and county
suspect of the crime is caught he
can be quickly identified.

The police believe that this negro,
using an ax taken from the wood-
shed in the rear of the Gribble home
beat Mrs. Gribble to death, struck
down Miss Hunter, and after assault-
ing Mrs. Ohlander in the wide, long
hallway where the bodies were found,
finished his terrible work by beat-
ing in her skull with the weapon.

Mrs. Gribble evidently was attack-
ed from behind, as she sat in an easy
chair reading. On the floor beside her
body were found the newspaper she
was reading, and her spectacles. One
possibly two blows were dealt her.
Her gray head, blood-matted, shows
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